OPINION 995

PSODOS TREITSCHKE, 1825 (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA): VALIDATION OF EMENDATION FROM *PSOIDOS*

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the emendation to *Psodos* of the generic name *Psoidos* Treitschke, 1825, is hereby validated.

(2) The generic name *Psodos* Treitschke, 1825 (gender: feminine), type-species, by designation by Duponchel, 1829, *Phalaena equestrata* Fabricius, 1777, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1974.

(3) The specific name *quadrifaria* Sulzer, 1776, as published in the binomen *Phalaena quadrifaria*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2495.

(4) The generic name *Psoidos* Treitschke, 1825 (Ruled under the plenary powers to be an incorrect original spelling for *Psodos*) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2007.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 362)

The present case was first submitted to the Commission at the International Congress of Zoology in Paris, 1948, by Dr. H. Berthet. Dr. Berthet's application was approved at that Congress, but the information furnished to the Commission on that occasion was later found to be defective. On these grounds Mr. Hemming, then Secretary to the Commission, decided that no action should be taken to render an Opinion on the case until the matter had been further examined.

The case was resubmitted to the office of the Commission by Lt.-Col. C. F. Cowan in January 1970. This application was sent to the printer on 10 March 1970 and was published on 10 August 1970 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **27** : 101–102. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to other the prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. Zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to eight entomological serials. The proposals were supported by Mr. D. S. Fletcher, Mr. A. Watson and Dr. I. W. B. Nye and opposed by Dr. George C. Steyskal (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **28** : 11).

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 19 February 1972 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (72)7 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **27** : 102. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 10 May 1972 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—thirteen (13), received in the following order: Holthuis, Lemche, Eisenmann, Vokes, Mayr, Bonnet, Jaczewski, Melville, Tortonese, Brinck, Forest, Binder, Ride.

Negative votes—two (2): Simpson, Sabrosky.

On leave of absence—one (1): Munroe.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Alvarado.

Commissioners Kraus and Starobogatov returned late affirmative votes. The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes.

Prof. G. G. Simpson: Another case of *de minimis* . . . It is ridiculous to waste time on such a detail, and stability and comprehension are not really at stake. As for the learned etymological argument, metathesis of σποδιος to *Psoidos* is surely at least as likely as to *Psodos*, and the original and legal form *Psoidos* is quite likely what was meant all the time.

Dr. E. Eisenmann: If it is true that usage for 140 years has been in accord with Treitschke's 1827 spelling or emendation (which is not denied), I favour the application.

Original References

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

Psodos Treitschke, 1825, *in* Ochsenheimer, *Schmett. von Europa* **5** (2) : 434

Psoidos Treitschke, 1825, an incorrect original spelling for *Psodos* q.v.

quadrifaria, *Phalaena*, Sulzer, 1776, *Abgek. Gesch. Ins. Linn.* **1** : 162

The following is the original reference for the designation of a type-species for *Psodos* Treitschke, 1825 : Duponchel, 1829, *in* Godart, *Hist. nat. Lépid. France* 7(2) : 112.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (72)7 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 995.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary
International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
13 *September* 1972